

World War II and needed medical care before they could be released from active duty.

This is where she met her husband, Daniel Morgan Windley, III, a Marine who participated in the battle of Okinawa. They fell in love almost immediately and were married March 9, 1946, 3 months after they met, for 60 years.

They quickly settled down in Aurora, N.C. where her husband built the home Mrs. Windley lives in today. They had 5 children, Mary Lou, Daniel, William, John W., and Margaret. Three of their children also served in the military (Army, Air Force, and the Coast Guard) and her brother served in the Marines.

It is here, in beautiful Beaufort County, where Mrs. Windley began her decades of public service to Beaufort County. She served as a school nurse and then a county nurse, ultimately retiring from the Beaufort County school system after 2 decades of service.

Because of Mrs. Windley's outstanding dedication and great work ethic, she was awarded the President's Volunteer Service Award by the American Red Cross. This prestigious award requires a minimum of 4,000 hours of documented volunteer service.

I am very grateful for her enduring public service to eastern North Carolina and for the incredible example she has set for all of us to follow in life. It is my honor to recognize her in the hallowed United States House of Representatives. God bless Mrs. Windley, and I thank her from the bottom of my heart for her decades of ceaseless service.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF ISADORE THOMAS, SR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Isadore Thomas, Sr.

Isadore Thomas, Sr. departed this life on January 14, 2023, at the age of 77, with his loved ones by his side in Jackson, MS at the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center. He was born to the late Mable Wade Thomas and Anderson Thompson on August 5, 1945, in Holmes County.

He received Christ early in life and became a member of Holly Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Isadore graduated from Tchula Attendance Center. He worked for Baldwin, J.J. Ferguson, and Mileston Headstart Center throughout his career. He operated the family store formally known as Anderson's Store for over 4 decades which became known as DOE'S.

He was known to the community as 'Big Doe.' He inspired others to heed the lessons of failure and understand the secret to getting ahead is never quit, but always try and do your best. His love for western movies, horse races, and fast sports cars was his favorite. During the 6 p.m. hour, he was always tuned into the news. When asked how he won his car races, he told his family, "Just hold it in the road and never look back until after you have won."

He leaves to cherish his memories with 1 brother, John W. Thomas (Chicago, Illinois) and he is survived by his former wife, Betty Thomas, and 3 sons, Isadore (Dianne) Thom-

as, Jr., Al (Tywone) Thomas, and Chaid (Lemuel) Thomas. One daughter Augusta Anderson, son Larry Thurmond; 1 granddaughter; 5 grandsons, 2 great-grandsons; 1 great-granddaughter; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

His memories live on with his special friends Dorothy Taylor, Johnnie (Yolanda) Holmes, Jimmie (Alice) Holmes, Ina (Richard) Watts, Joe (Patrice) Holmes, and Lorenzo Holmes.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life, legacy, and service of Isadore Thomas, Sr.

RECOGNIZING COLDWELL BANKER TOWN & COUNTRY REAL ESTATE

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Coldwell Banker Town & Country Real Estate of Altoona, as they celebrate an impressive 50 years in business.

Under the leadership of Bob Pennington and his talented team, Coldwell Banker Town & Country Real Estate has become a trusted, household name in the Blair County community. In both 1995 and 2008, the business was named the Number One Coldwell banker affiliate office in the United States, earning the team recognition in their competitive industry.

Bob Pennington discovered his passion for real-estate after first selling a property owned by his father—a feat he accomplished nearly immediately at the property's first open house. Town & Country Real Estate opened its doors in January of 1973, and eventually joined Coldwell Banker Residential Affiliates Inc. in 1986. Throughout 50 years of business, Pennington and his team have sold over 17,000 homes, assisting individuals and families recognize the American dream.

Throughout his career, Bob has led by example and been involved with a variety of community boards and initiatives.

I applaud Coldwell Banker Town & Country Real Estate on their 50 years in business and look forward to their continued success.

SOUTH DAKOTA 2022 CONGRES- SIONAL APP CHALLENGE WIN- NERS

HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate South Dakota's 2022 Congressional App Challenge winners Katelyn and Casie Dale from Spearfish. The Dale sisters designed an app called "Lighthouse." This is Katelyn and Casie's second Congressional App Challenge victory after winning the 2021 Congressional App Challenge.

Technological literacy is a vital skill for success both in business and daily life. The goal of the App Challenge is to get students excited about the important and growing field of technology and coding. As a parent, I know how important it is to ensure the media we

surround ourselves with has a positive and healthy impact on how we live our lives, which is why I was especially impressed by Katelyn and Casie's submission. The "Lighthouse" app is a program to help kids and adults find literary material that is appropriate.

"While our brains are so amazing, they need to be protected. We are surrounded by all different kinds of media that, if we're not careful, can poorly program our brains especially those of young people and children in ways that we don't even notice or understand . . . that is why we created Lighthouse," said the Dales.

Congratulations again to Katelyn and Casie.

HONORING THE OXFORD, MICHIGAN COMMUNITY

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the strength, resilience, and heart of Oxford, Michigan: a small town that was forever changed on November 30, 2021. That day, the world watched in horror as news broke that a gunman had opened fire at Oxford High School, killing four people and injuring eight others. It was a community-wide tragedy the depth and breadth of which I have never experienced, and one that forever changed the trajectory of life for all those in and around Oxford.

But before it was a headline, Oxford was a close-knit town, the kind of place where neighbors reach out to help neighbors, where people of all ages gather at the local diner sporting Wildcat blue and gold before packing the stands for Friday night football games.

After the unimaginable happened, Oxford was fundamentally changed, clothed from head to toe in profound and overwhelming grief. While that grief will never completely lift, I have seen this community transform yet again through countless acts of kindness and bravery—both from around the world and from right within this community—because Oxford is a place where neighbors reach out to help neighbors.

The examples would fill a library, but to share just a few: the legions of Oxford businesses like Meijer, Sick Pizza, and Legacy Center that opened their doors to provide a safe haven for students and families and raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to support victims. Their contributions, both financial and emotional, are too numerous to count and will never be forgotten.

Oxford Township President Jack Curtis and Oxford Village President Joe Madore responded immediately to the crisis, and worked tirelessly to provide anything and everything they could. They led their boards to channel grief into action, banding together to bring every available resource—local, state, and federal—into this community. And dedicated public servant C.J. Carnacchio used his skill and stalwart determination to tell Oxford's story, playing a pivotal role in bringing meaningful benefits and resources into the community.

More than 30 emergency service agencies—police, fire, and EMS—rushed into the school that day, and today they continue to

show up to address the ongoing challenges of public safety, mental health support, and other needs for their own staff, for the schools, and for surrounding communities.

I continue to be amazed by the bravery and resilience of Oxford High School students, many of whom have become fierce advocates for gun safety and mental health. And I am in awe of the teachers and staff who define fortitude and service above self every day when, despite their own pain and suffering, they walk back into the building and turn their focus to their students.

In the days and months since the shooting, I have watched leaders emerge from every corner of Oxford, and through them I have seen how grief can walk hand-in-hand with hope, stitched with an indestructible fabric of Wildcat blue and gold. Because above all, Oxford is a place where neighbors reach out to help neighbors.

It has been the honor of my life to represent this community in Congress, and today while one tragic day broke Oxford's heart, it did not and it will not break this community's spirit. Through our collective grief, and through this declaration, may we forever honor the people of Oxford and the memories of Hana, Tate, Madisyn, and Justin.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS JUDICIAL VACANCY REDUCTION ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Courts Judicial Vacancy Reduction Act. This bill would expedite the appointment of local D.C. judges. The sole purpose of this bill is to protect public safety and promote justice by ending the perpetual judicial vacancy crisis in the local D.C. courts.

The longstanding judicial vacancy crisis in the local D.C. courts, which delays resolution of criminal and civil cases, has existed regardless of which party controls the presidency and Senate because presidents and senators are, understandably, more focused on nominees to the federal courts and the executive branch than to the local D.C. courts.

This bill has nothing to do with D.C. statehood or home rule. Although D.C. will control the local D.C. courts when it becomes a state and Congress could—and should—give D.C. control over the local D.C. courts now, this bill would not give D.C. any new authority over the local D.C. courts.

Under the D.C. Home Rule Act, D.C. has no control over the organization or jurisdiction of the local D.C. courts, including the nomination and appointment of judges. A 7-member commission, which is comprised of federal, D.C. and private-sector appointees, submits to the president a list of 3 persons for each vacancy on the local D.C. courts. The president must nominate, and, with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint 1 person from the list. If the president fails to nominate 1 of the persons from the list within 60 days, the commission must nominate, and, with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint 1 of the persons from the list.

This bill would not change the role of the president or the commission in the appointment of local D.C. judges. Instead, it would apply the congressional review period for D.C. legislation to the appointment of local D.C. judges. Upon nomination, local D.C. judges would be appointed after the expiration of a 30-day congressional review period, unless a resolution disapproving of the appointment was enacted into law during that period.

Local D.C. judges are non-Article III judges. The Constitution only requires Senate approval of Article III judges—that is, judges on the federal district courts, the federal appeals courts and the U.S. Supreme Court. Congress has the discretion to decide how non-Article III judges will be appointed, and has chosen to subject some non-Article III judges to Senate approval, but not others. For example, Congress has not given itself any role in the appointment of bankruptcy or administrative law judges. This bill would strike a middle ground. Congress would retain the authority to block the appointment of local D.C. judges, but it would only have a limited time period to do so.

I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.

RECOGNIZING THE 77TH BIRTHDAY OF ROSEMARY STOKES

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 77th birthday of Rosemary Stokes.

Mrs. Stokes is a retired businesswoman who has accomplished so much in her lifetime. During a time when women didn't have a seat at the table, Rosemary was one of few female leaders for the Rite Aid Corporation. She was promoted from a Store Manager to train all new store managers in the Southeast.

Rosemary went on to open her own business specializing in plus size intimate apparel.

In her 60s, Rosemary returned to school and graduated from college. She is married to Billy Stokes and is blessed with three boys: BaSean, NaVan and Antione. She is passionate about her family.

Rosemary will be celebrated at the Oxford Civic Center on Friday, January 27th with family and friends.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Rosemary and wishing her a happy 77th birthday.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF BAYTOWN, TEXAS

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 75th anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Baytown, located in both Harris and Chambers Counties, Texas.

Present-day Baytown was incorporated on January 24, 1948, combining the communities of Goose Creek, Pelly, and Baytown. Baytown

is situated on the Texas Gulf Coast and is home to several of America's critical waterways: the Galveston Bay system, the Houston Ship Channel, and the Port of Cedar Bayou. It also shares the bay with the San Jacinto State Historic Site and San Jacinto Monument, where Texas gained its independence from Mexico in 1836. Early settlers of Baytown assisted the Texian Army during the Runaway Scrape.

Pioneers arrived in the area in the early 19th century and became known for rice farming and, later, brickmaking due to the high-quality clay found in the region. Over the course of a century, up to 12 million bricks a year were made at Cedar Bayou and shipped to Galveston.

Baytown, and the surrounding region, are known worldwide as innovators in the petrochemical industry. In 1908, the Goose Creek Oilfield became Texas's first offshore drilling operation and paved the way for significant growth and development. During World War II, the research conducted at the Baytown Refinery contributed to producing essentials like 100-octane fuel used in planes. Today, Exxon's Baytown Refinery is among the largest in the United States. Over the decades, many other leaders in the petrochemical industry have established a significant presence in Baytown and nearby communities. In addition to its industrial history, Baytown has long been committed to preserving the region's natural resources: saltwater and freshwater fishing, native marshland habitats, and waterfowl migration paths.

The following men have served the citizens of Baytown as Mayor: E.D. Cleveland; J.A. Ward; R.H. Pruett; Al Clayton; C.L. Liggett, MD; Seaborn Cravey; C. Glen Walker; Tom Gentry; Emmett O. Hutto; Allen Cannon; Pete C. Alfaro; Calvin Mundinger; Stephen H. DonCarlos; and Brandon Capetillo, who currently serves as Mayor.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to recognize and celebrate the 75th anniversary of Baytown. May God bless this town and its citizens even more richly over the next 75 years.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER AND SERVICE OF SHERIFF ADAM BIEBER

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of the career and service of retiring Shawano County Sheriff Adam Bieber.

After 14 years in law enforcement, Sheriff Bieber began his tenure as Shawano County Sheriff in 2015. Throughout his career, Sheriff Bieber has been committed to serving the people of Shawano County and has worked to expand the Sheriff's Department and their services. I commend Sheriff Bieber for his unwavering dedication and commitment to ensuring the safety of Shawano County and Northeast Wisconsin.

During Sheriff Bieber's career with the Shawano County Sheriff's Department, transparency was one of his top priorities. Sheriff Bieber led and focused on elevating communication with the public by offering CPR/Heimlich Training, Concealed Carry Classes,